the respective State Governments. Only Kendriya Vidyalayas, Navodaya Vidyalayas and schools of the Central Tibetan School Administration are within the purview of the Government of India. It is the Government's constant endeavour to provide improved facilities in its schools.

Massive shortfall of teachers

23. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there would be a massive shortfall of teachers against the increasing demand of teachers in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the remedial measures Government propose to meet the situation; and

(c) the details of the steps taken or proposed to be taken to accelerate teachers training programmes both for the domestic and international purposes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Yes Sir, as per data supplied by the States/UTs there is shortage of teachers in schools in some States/UTs.

(b) and (c) Additional posts of teachers are being sanctioned under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan based on the requirement projected by the States in their District Elementary Education Plans. Accordingly 5.46 lakh posts of teachers have been sanctioned up to 2004-05.

National Council for Teacher Education has decided to take various pro-active measures to meet the requirement of trained teachers. Some of the measures taken are indicated below:—

* State Governments have been asked to increase the intake in DIETs up to a maximum of 200 seats.

* NCTE has dispensed with the requirement of 'No Objection Certificate' from State/UT Governments for establishing elementary teachers training facilities for a period of three years for those institutions already running B.Ed programmes recognized by NCTE.

* NCTE is also according approval to specific proposals of State Governments to train untrained teachers through distance mode.

Recounting and revaluation of answer sheets by CBSE

24. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether only recounting of marks, and not revaluation of answer sheets of the candidates appearing in CBSE Board examination is allowed;

(b) whether, for the sake of transparency and as proof of there being no error in the course of evaluation and computation of marks in the answer sheets, data entry and issue of marks cards, etc., certain State School Boards furnish photo copies of the answer sheets to the students after undertaking revaluation at their request;

(c) if so, whether CBSE would also adopt the same practice; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) As per information furnished by CBSE, there is no provision for revaluation of answer sheets of the candidates appearing in CBSE Board Examinations. CBSE has provided for verification of marks which includes:

(i) Verification to the effect that no answer or part of any answer has remained inadvertently unassessed by the examiner;

(ii) Getting the unmarked answer or portion of it, if any, assessed and result modified accordingly;

(iii) Ascertaining that the supplementary answer sheets; if any, is intact;

(iv) Ensuring that the totaling of the marks awarded is correct;

(v) There is accurate transference of the marks from inside the answer book to the title cover of the answer sheet; and

(vi) The total marks have been correctly transferred from the answer book to the award list and from the award list to the final compilation of the result.